

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 650
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tutt Bradford for his
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professional journalists and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tutt Bradford, an outstanding community leader and the retired publisher of *The Daily Times* of Maryville, who is being honored by the East Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for his many contributions in the field of journalism on June 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a longtime newspaperman, Mr Bradford was the publisher of *The Daily Times* for thirty years, from 1955 to 1985, with previous publishing tenures at the Bristol (Va.) *Herald-Courier* and the *Cleveland Daily Banner*; and

WHEREAS, highly admired by his peers and colleagues, Mr. Bradford is a former member of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association Board and served as President of the Tennessee Press Association in 1974; and

WHEREAS, respected for his wisdom and his experience, Tutt Bradford has served as a member of the University of Tennessee Development Council and spent nearly 28 years on the Board of Maryville College; he also served as President of the Blount County Industrial Development Board from 1970 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford, over the years, has generously donated his time and talent as a member of the boards of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Museum of Art, Thompson Cancer Survival Center, Lakeshore Mental Hospital, the Tennessee Technology

Foundation, the Boys Club Foundation, the Blount Hearing and Speech Foundation, and the Blount Library Foundation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Mr. Bradford has received the Sequoyah Literary Award from the Tennessee Historical Commission, the Distinguished Service Award from the Bristol Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been named to the East Tennessee Business Hall of Fame by Junior Achievement and has been selected as Volunteer of the Year by the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Tutt Bradford was named Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year in 1991 by the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives. He is also a former President of both the Blount County Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Tutt Bradford epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Bradford for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tutt Bradford for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee as a journalist, publisher and citizen, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.